



**Desert Research Learning Center
12661 E. Broadway Blvd
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Internship Description

The Desert Research Learning Center (DRLC) promotes the scientific understanding, protection, and conservation of 11 Sonoran Desert national parks. The center provides space and support for researchers and interns, hosts hands-on experiential learning for student groups, and displays examples of sustainable practices and Sonoran Desert species. The DRLC also conducts research at the 11 national parks it serves.

We are currently hiring two 6-month long paid internship positions with options for part-time or full-time hours. Part-time hours can be split across multiple days. During the summer months May-July there is potential to be a full-time field worker assisting on a bullfrog control project at NPS units and other natural areas in southern AZ and western NM.

Starting wage of \$18/hour for undergraduates or \$19.75/hour for degree holders. \$42/day per diem for overnight travel. No health benefits are being offered.

These positions will support the maintenance of DRLC's plants, animals, vehicles, and facilities. The intern would also assist with interpretive programs and field research at national parks throughout the Sonoran Desert.

Responsibilities

- Assist with maintaining DRLC's onsite pond, stream, and tortoise enclosure
- Help care for the DRLC's desert tortoise, fish, frogs, and salamander
- Maintain the pollinator garden, sustainable food garden, and heritage tree orchard
- Assist in regular cleaning and maintenance of the DRLC
- Monitor and maintain the fleet of government vehicles
- Help with larger maintenance projects like irrigation, roadwork, and construction
- Assist in DRLC tours, programs, and outreach events
- Assist with data management including data entry and data quality assurance procedures
- Occasional opportunities to support fieldwork at numerous national parks
- For full-time interns during May-July participate in NPS-led team bullfrog control efforts, requiring overnight travel to NPS units.

Required

- Applicants must be 18 or older
- Have reliable transportation to the DRLC
- Must be flexible regarding roles and responsibilities

Valued skills

- Experience with vehicle maintenance
- Experience with tools
- Experience working with animals or plants
- Experience working with the public or school groups doing education or outreach
- Flexible and maintains a positive attitude
- Works well with others

- Fieldwork is remote, strenuous, and can occur in varied and extreme weather conditions. If conducting fieldwork, intern must be comfortable working under these circumstances and able to hike long distances. Overnight camping is often required.

For questions or to apply, contact Jessica_Mcgeverly@nps.gov. Applicants must attach a resume and cover letter